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Roy S. Matsuno
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Dear ^{Roy}~~Mr. Matsuno~~:

Thank you for your letter of April 21 concerning the Chigniks - Port Heiden Trans Peninsula road project. Great new letterhead, too!

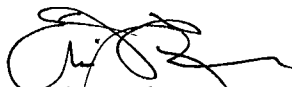
We did not mean to imply in our April presentation that this project would not be carried forward for evaluation. However, it does not appear as "easy" to justify as the projects that we did discuss in our presentation. My sense is that the Trans-Peninsula road's evaluation is improved when coupled with a road to an internodal dock at Chignik. The road completes a subregional economic-transportation system by linking an improved port facility at Chignik with a very capable airfield at Port Heiden. You really have three projects in this package: Chignik port improvements, Chigniks intertie road, and the Trans-Peninsula road, in that order. The implementation sequence is validated by the results of the *Freight Impact Analysis of Potential Alaska Peninsula Roadway Segments and Regional Freight Movement Summary Technical Memorandum*, which shows that the benefits are distributed outward from the Chignik port. The greatest factors working against this project's development continue to be its high cost and the relatively small segment of the regional population directly impacted by the improvements. For this reason alone, we believe that it will take some extraordinary marketing, partnering and perseverance to make it happen.

As you are aware, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is revising its Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Alaska-Becharof National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and is seeking input on road corridors. Although we would like to use the regional plan to identify purpose and need for the corridors to be designated through a follow-on process, the USFWS timeline does not afford us this luxury. This letter confirms our plans to meet with you at the DOT&PF Central Region planning conference room, 4111 Aviation Drive in Anchorage on June 15 at 1:00 p.m. It is our intent to

identify preliminary primary and alternate corridors for each of the road segments in the "Alaska Peninsula Highway" system that potentially impact the NWR. Duane Hippe from HDR, Inc. will be joining us.

I look forward to meeting with you again. Please call me at 1-888-PLANDOT if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Taylor", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Eric Taylor
Area Plans Coordinator